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**UTILITY PATENT
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is a patent application of PIERRE DURIF, NOEL MOREL, GEORGES PEYRON and GILBERT MENARD entitled PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR CROSS-LINKING /EXPANDING A BLANK FOR A SAFETY SUPPORT FOR A TIRE AND SUPPORT OBTAINED BY THIS PROCESS.

which includes:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claims	<u>8</u> pages	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract	<u>1</u> page	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawings Figs.	<u>4</u> sheets	
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of U.S. Serial No. 09/860,075, filed May 17, 2001, which claims priority to FR 00/06488, filed May 19, 2000.		

[X] Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

"This is a [] continuation [X] divisional [] continuation-in-part
of U.S. Serial No. 09/860,075, filed May 17, 2001.

[X] The entire disclosures of the prior applications, including U.S. Serial No. 09/860,075, filed May 17, 2001 and FR 00/06488, filed May 19, 2000 are considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and are hereby incorporated by reference therein.

[X] An Assignment of the invention to Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A.

[] is attached. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

[] will follow.

[X] has been filed in the prior application, U.S. Serial No. 09/860,075 and recorded at Reel No. 12152, Frame No. 0956.

[X] Information Disclosure Statement

1 page

[X] PTO Form 1449

1 page

[] Copies of __ references are enclosed.

Also accompanying this patent application are:

[] Application Data Sheet

[] Non-Publication Request

[X] Return Receipt Postcard

[X] Preliminary Amendment 9 pages

[] Submission of Formal Drawings __ pages

[X] Cancel in this application original claims 1-6 and 8-9 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

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Basic Fee				\$385.00		\$0.00	\$770.00
Total Claims	18	-20	= 0	x 9 =		\$0.00	x 18 = \$0.00
Ind. Claims	1	-3	= 1	x 43 =		\$0.00	x 86 = \$0.00
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Priority:

Priority of application Country France, Appln. No. 00/6488, filed May 19, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Country France, Appln. No. 00/6488, filed May 19, 2000
 is/are attached. will follow has been filed in the parent application Serial No. 09/860,075.

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	770
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$ 770)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	18	- 20 =	0	X		=	0
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =	0	X		=	0
Multiple Dependent							

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$ 0)

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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